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PAUL'S NOTE

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- * Presidents Day: Many city offices and services will be closed for Monday, February 17, Presidents day, see page 2
- * Town Hall with Paul and Mayor Rothschild, April 9
- * Mark your calendars: Our next community Shred-It event will be April 19th

I know some of you get tired of me talking about local sports (by the way, Wildcats are taking on some kids from Tempe on Friday), but we had what by all rights should have been a quiet preseason Soccer match between the Portland Timbers and the Seattle Sounders that showed what our community gets from sports tourism.

There were over 1700 people at the match and what was surprising was how many were actually from Portland and Seattle. The numbers have not yet been broken out, but judging from the number of Portland and Seattle jerseys in the crowd and how loud the singing and chanting for the two teams was, the portion of out of towners was significant. I went downtown after the game and every bar and restaurant seemed to have a Portland or Seattle group at a table.

They were a small part of the \$3.3 billion that our region gets in money from visitors every year. February is prime time for our sports tourism with MLS teams training and partici-

pating in the Desert Diamond Cup, the Rodeo and Match Play.

This year's Desert Diamond Cup will include the youth team for Chivas, one of the most popular teams in Mexico. Mexico tourism accounts for nearly \$1 billion in revenue for our region. According to Visit Tucson, Sports tourism doesn't yet rank in their "top 10" for activities for Mexico tourists. Still, this is the second year in a row we've hosted a Mexican team. If we can keep that up, maybe we can get it in the top 10.

There are also intangible benefits as well. The broadcasts of last year's Desert Diamond Cup matches each opened up with a beautiful shot of our Catalina Mountains. Soccer fans in Boston and Chicago taking a break from shoveling their driveways to watch their teams run around on a sunny soccer field in shorts has got to help tourism a little bit.

Here in Ward 2, just keep in mind that my office will be closed for Presidents Day. That also means that

you'll have to wait until Tuesday if you want to pay your water bill.

I'd like to close with some congratulations for Tucson's newest legislator, Demion Clinco. I've watched him lobby the council on preservation issues and he'll be a good spokesman for Tucson and Southern Arizona.

Have a great weekend. And, of course, beat ASU.



PRESIDENTS DAY CLOSURES

The Ward 2 office will be closed on Monday, February 17th for Presidents Day. This means that the payment window will be closed as well.

There will be no trash or recycling pick-up on Monday. All pick-ups will be delayed by one day to accommodate the holiday.

All parks and recreation facilities will be closed.



COOKING OIL AND GREASE RECYCLING

Pima County Wastewater reminds you not to pour grease down the drain. It could clog your pipes, force costly repairs and cause sewers to back up into your home. Also, cockroaches love grease.

Instead of feeding the roaches, they recommend you pour grease into a sealed container and dispose of it in the trash. You can also drop off grease for recycling to the following locations:

Originate Natural Building Materials: 526 N Ninth Ave, Tues.—Fri. 12 pm—6 pm, Saturday 12 pm—4pm

EDG Fuels: 8939 S Eisenhower Rd, Mon.—Fri. 7 am—4 pm

Mary's Market: 1555 S 10th Ave, Mon.—Fri. 6 am—1pm



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Tucson/Pima County Household Hazardous Waste Program has changed the 2nd Saturday Outreach Collection to a “mobile” event. Every month, the collection event will be in a different neighborhood so that more Tucsonans will have easy access to the program. The 1st Saturday collection at the Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway, will still continue. The collections run from 8 am to noon. For more information, visit www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw or call 888-6947

IMPORTANT: Do not drop off household hazardous waste at the Ward 2 Council Office. We have no way of storing it. Please wait until a scheduled monthly drop off.

1st Saturday: Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway. Enter site by turning north on Prudence.

2nd Saturday: March, Himmell Park, 2000 N Tucson Blvd

HOUGHTON ROAD PROJECT

Houghton Road and Broadway Boulevard Intersection: Construction on this segment began in November 2013 and is anticipated to take approximately six months.

Houghton Road from Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street: This is being designed concurrently and will be constructed as work on the intersection is concluding. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2014 and last approximately 18 months. One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction, and access to all properties and businesses will remain open throughout construction.

Open House: The City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) invite you to attend an open house for the Houghton Road: Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street project. This project is part of the overall plan to improve Houghton Road from Tanque Verde Road to Interstate 10. The open house is scheduled for February 25th at Pantano Christian Church (1755 S Houghton Road) from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. It will be informal. Drop in any time.

AFTER SCHOOL MEALS

A new after-school free meal program begins at Freedom Center. The meals will be served from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday for youth ages 18 and under at the Freedom Center through May 2014. The program is sponsored by the USDA Child and Adult Care Food program (CACFP).

A program enrollment form is to be completed to enroll in the program, and the form can be obtained from the Freedom Center, 5000 E. 29th Street. For more information about the meal program contact Anne Krepps, Child Nutrition Programs Manager at akrepps@communityfoodbank.org or call 882-3285.



GRAFFITI

In an ongoing effort to combat the public nuisance of graffiti in our city and neighborhoods, TEP has launched a new tool to assist our customers in reporting graffiti on TEP equipment throughout our service territory. At tep.com, a link has been provided to allow customers to report graffiti in an efficient way by providing the location of the graffiti, nearest cross streets and a picture (if available) of the tagged equipment. Providing a picture greatly enhances the ability to respond quickly with the appropriate materials for safe and proper removal of the graffiti. Once a notice is received, the information goes directly to TEP staff dedicated to abating graffiti.

While TEP will continue to rely on the City for notifying TPD of the graffiti reported to us through the City Transportation Department, they are working to determine an efficient police reporting process for graffiti reports they receive directly through our website.

UDALL CENTER INFORMATION

Rodeo Luncheon: The Carol West Senior Addition is hosting a Rodeo Luncheon Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00. The event will include delicious food and live entertainment. Western wear encouraged. Contact 791-4121 for additional information on any of the events listed above.

Senior Athletics: Udall Regional Center is offering three new recreation programs including Wallyball, Dodgeball, and Pickleball. The programs started January 24, 2014 and runs 6 weeks. The games take place on Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Space is limited and the program fees include: \$2.00/individual and \$4.00/family per night.

Tax Help: AARP Tax Aide is offering assistance at Udall Center from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. April 14, 2014. Services are free and is on a first come first serve basis. Call 571-9884 for information.

Badminton: Udall Center will be hosting the Arizona State Badminton Competitions on March 1 and 2. The time is TBD.

PARKS PROGRAMS

Adult Spring Softball: The Adult Spring Softball season begins March 24 and registration begins February 25 through March 14. Walk-in registration takes place at the Sports Unit in Freedom Recreation Center located at 5000 E 29th Street and Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Registration is limited. Contact the Sports Unit 791-4870 for more information.

University of Arizona Baseball: Opening day for the University of Arizona Baseball takes place this Friday, February 14 at 6:00 p.m. The University of Arizona will play against Kent State. Visit www.arizonawildcats.com for any additional information. To purchase tickets, call 621-CATS or visit the website.

2014 Leisure Classes and Programs: The January classes have started and take place January 5 through May 10. There may still be availability for the March classes and the deadline to register is February 28th. The 2014 Class Catalog and Program Guide can be viewed on line at www.ezeereg.com or can be picked up at any of City of Tucson Recreation facilities. For questions or more information on registration or programs contact Registration Services at 791-4877.

RX SAFE, SMART & SECURE

Amistades Inc., 4R Communities Alliance, Luz Southside Coalition and the Community Prevention Coalition of Pima County have teamed up with the Tucson Police Department to offer a safe way to dispose of your expired drugs.

A drop off service is being offered at five Tucson Police Department substations:

- Southside Santa Cruz Substation, 4410 S. Park Ave, at East Fair Street
 - Westside Police Service Center, 1310 W. Miracle Mile near North Flowing Wells Road
 - Midtown Substation, 1100 S. Alvernon Way at East 22nd Street
 - Downtown Main Station, 270 S. Stone Ave. near West Cushing Street
 - Eastside Rincon Substation, 9670 E. Golf Links Road near South Harrison Road.
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Please bring these items to the Ward 2 Office
for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals
and Families in Need**

LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/
Dance Equipment**

CASA MARIA—Plastic bags

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on Wednesday, February 19, Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. Note that the meeting is scheduled for a Wednesday rather than the usual Tuesday. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

